my Government on its successful completion on one year in office. The thrust during this period has been on consolidation along with structured change. We have tried to tone up the administration and gear up the machinery for redressal of public grievances. The Janatha Darshan Programmes organised in the districts took the Government virtually to the door-steps of the people and evoked a very good response. I am glad to mention that the griecances and other representations of the people are being clsely monitored by the Public Grievance Organisation, which has now been brought under the direct control of the Chief Minister.

2. In its first year of Office, my Government has also responded to the challenges in the social and economic sphere by fashioning new and innovative policies and programmes for the all-round betterment of the people of Karnataka. In doing so, we have attempted to make full use of all the opportunities thrown up by the new national policy of economic liberalisation, in selected areas, for the benefit of our people. A favourable investment climate has been created which is expected to provide improved infrastructure for economic development and generate substantial employment opportunities within the State.

(ಈ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಬಿ.ಐ. ಪಾಟೀಲರ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ಏಕೀಕರಣ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಘೋಷಣೆ ಕೂಗುತ್ತಾ ಸಭಾತ್ಯಾಗ ಮಾಡಿದರು)

3. The spitr of consultation , conciliation dialogue and discussion has been the hallmark of my Government's approach to the resolution of law and order problems. you are aware that by adopting this approach a permanent solution was found to a very sensitive problem concernining the disputed Idga Maidan at Hubli, which used to give rise to periodic out-breaks of violence. The same spirit of conciliation and consensus tempered with firmness has helped to defuse tensions in respect of other explosive situations which arose from time to time.

4. It is a matter of pride for us also that as in the case of the elections to Zilla Panchayats and Panchayat Samithis last March, my Government has conducted the municipal elections throughout the Sate of Karnataka, except for Dakshina Kannada and Bangalore City, in a smooth and congenial atmosphere, last month, Besides taking a firm stance in maintaining law and order in all cases, my Government is committed to protecting in particular, the interests of women, weaker sections and minorities in the State.